

REMARKS

The last office action has been carefully considered.

Dependent claim 4 has been canceled herein without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Applicant gratefully thanks the Examiner and her S.P.E. for graciously granting applicant's representative, Mr. Richard Klar, a telephonic interview on October 4, 2007. During that interview it was agreed that if the independent claims were amended as presented during the interview, they would appear to define over the cited prior art of the last office action.

Independent claims 3, 12 and 26 have been amended to recite in pertinent part that the first and second switch plates are directly slidably coupled and touch each other; a feature not disclosed or suggested by the cited prior art reference of Schaeffeler et al, either alone or in combination with any of the other cited prior art references. Schaeffeler et al. requires a spring, as note on page 7 of the last office action. Accordingly it is respectfully requested that the rejections in the last office action be withdrawn and that these claims and the claims depending thereon based on their dependencies on allowable claims be passed to issue. Great care has been exercised by the applicant in the endeavor to avoid the introduction of new matter into the present application.

Allowance of the claims remaining in the present application is earnestly solicited.

If any additional amendments are required it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone to facilitate allowance of the claims remaining in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,


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